



ENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
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**PRESS RELEASE**

March 24, 2006

The Enfield Public Schools wishes to make the media aware of the attached memo to parents, students, and staff at Fermi High School. It pertains to the results of the soil sampling done at the school as part of the ground work for the new athletic fields. It is self-explanatory. The School Department has been working closely with the Town of Enfield staff on this issue. We refer you to the Town's website for related information.

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**To: Enrico Fermi Parents, Students and Staff**  
**From: John Gallacher, Superintendent**  
**Re: Fermi Athletic Fields - Soil Samples**  
**Date: March 24, 2006**

In conducting the soil sampling for the Athletic Fields work, several banned pesticides have been detected in soils from the grounds of Fermi. High School. While trace levels of these pesticides in soil are not uncommon in certain parts of the state, the levels of one pesticide in particular, Dieldrin, exceed Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) cleanup criteria. Health risks from Dieldrin require exposure to acute high doses. It is unlikely High School students and staff have been exposed to such high dosages. The town is taking the prudent step of closing the Fermi Athletic Fields until further testing and analysis can be completed. The fields are scheduled for resurfacing and improvements in the coming year. Addressing the soil contamination can be part of that larger plan.

This issue will be addressed at a public information meeting on Thursday, March 30 at Fermi High Gymnasium at 7:00 P.M.

A press release and additional information is available on the Town's website (<http://www.enfield-ct.gov>). If you have any questions, please call:

- Superintendent's Office at 253-6500
- Trish Vayda, Nursing Supervisor at 763-8830
- North Central Health Department at 745-0383

cc: Board of Education Members  
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